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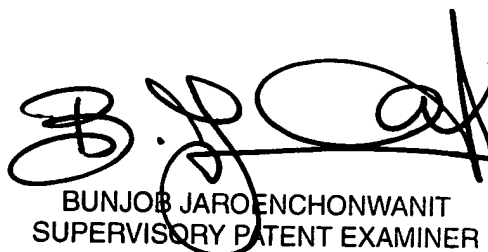
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Applicant's reply brief filed on 10/1/2007 has been received and is noted.  
Applicant's IDS filed 10/16/2007 has been received and considered.

No further action is deemed necessary. The application is being forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on appeal. No response to this letter is required.

  
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